**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO COMMEND THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA BEAUFORT UPON CELEBRATION OF FIFTY YEARS OF SERVICE AS A MEMBER OF SOUTH CAROLINA’S PUBLIC FLAGSHIP UNIVERSITY SYSTEM.

Whereas, the University of South Carolina Beaufort is celebrating its Golden Jubilee, a year‑long celebration of fifty years of higher education in the Lowcountry; and

Whereas, the University of South Carolina Beaufort traces its lineage 215 years to the founding of Beaufort College in 1795; and

Whereas, the University of South Carolina Beaufort, with the support of the legislature and through an exceptional partnership with Beaufort and Jasper Counties, has grown in stature from a two‑year regional campus to an independently accredited university; and

Whereas, USCB has developed fourteen baccalaureate degrees and an additional thirteen concentrations, has increased 112% in full‑time equivalent students served each year since its change in role and mission in June 2002, and has been the University of South Carolina’s fastest growing baccalaureate institution for the past seven years, demonstrating the need of a baccalaureate university for the Lowcountry and for the State of South Carolina; and

Whereas, the State of South Carolina recognizes the indispensable role that public, comprehensive universities will play in developing the citizen‑leaders and professionals needed by our State to succeed in a globally competitive, knowledge‑driven economy; and

Whereas, on April 6, 2010, the University Medallion and chain of office, a gift of the Trustees of the College of Beaufort and the symbol of the University of South Carolina Beaufort’s authority and responsibility, will be installed by the President of the University of South Carolina by virtue of the authority vested in the Board of Trustees, acting on behalf of the people of the State of South Carolina. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, commend the University of South Carolina Beaufort upon its celebration of fifty years of service as a member of South Carolina’s public flagship university system.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to

the University of South Carolina Beaufort.

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